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FOR JOHN SIMS FROM PETER JOHNSON ARA/PPC

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SUBJECT; LETTER FROM THOMAE TO PRIME MINISTER ADAMS

1. FOLLOWING IS LETTER FROM THOMAE TO PRIME MINISTER
ADAMS.

"DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

2. THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL AND ECONOMICS CENTER OF
THE TAMPA BAY AREA, THE BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS
OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH
FLORIDA, AND A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED CO-SPONSORS IN
THE BUSINESS AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARE HOLDING A
CONFERENCE ON CARIBBEAN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES,
TO TAKE PLACE IN TAMPA JUNE 23 AND 24.

3. THE CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS WISH TO EXTEND TO
YOU AN INVITATION TO DELIVER THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS OF
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THE CONFERENCE AT A BANQUET THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 23.

4. THE 2-DAY CONFERENCE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE PLENARY
AND PANEL SESSIONS COVERING SUCH AREAS AS INVESTMENT,

EXPORT-IMPORT POSSIBILITIES, FINANCING ARRANGEMENT,
AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

5. AMBASSADOR TERENCE TODMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, HAS AGREED TO ADDRESS A SESSION. SENATOR LAWTON CHILES OF FLORIDA HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO DELIVER A LUNCHEON SPEECH. WE EXPECT BOTH THE PANELISTS AND THE CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS TO REPRESENT THE TOP LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN MATTERS AFFECTING CARIBBEAN TRADE, BUSINESS, AND DEVELOPMENT.

6. YOUR PARTICIPATION WOULD INDEED BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF A MOST TIMELY AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING CONFERENCE. I HOPE YOU WILL WELCOME IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING YOUR OWN INSIGHTS AND PRIORITIES TO THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

7. I SHALL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU." CHRISTOPHER

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